

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph number [0031] with the following:

[0031] Database 150 may store information pertinent to the facsimile distribution center 130. Specifically, database 150 may include tables, records and fields associating facsimile numbers with intended facsimile recipients. For instance, a graphical depiction of a portion of a representative table 200 from database 150 is illustrated in FIG. 2. Each record 210 in table 200 includes fields 220 for storing data used by the facsimile distribution center 130. Fields 220 may include data about registered address 222, recipient contact information 224, or other data 226, such as recipient names, as needed by the facsimile distribution center 130. As illustrated, registered number 999-999-9900 is associated with recipient contact information 111-111-1100, 111-111-1101, and 111-111-1102, which represent facsimile numbers. Similarly, registered number 999-999-9901 is associated with facsimile numbers 111-222-1100, 111-222-1101, and e-mail address "~~recip001@fdc.com~~" <recip001@fdc.com> as stored in the recipient contact information 224 data fields 220. In this example, other data 226 includes the names of the recipients associated with the recipient contact information. Although registered address values may appear in multiple records 210, it is understood that other data formats may be used such that a single instance (e.g. a primary key or unique field) of a registered address 222 may be associated with a set of recipient contact information 224 stored in a single record and delimited by a ASCII character such as a comma or semicolon. Furthermore, additional data records 210 and fields 220 may be stored in database 150.

Please replace paragraph number [0032] with the following:

[0032] The storage of registered addresses 222 may also include URL addresses or e-mail addresses for receiving facsimiles. Similarly, the recipient contact information 224 may include URL addresses or e-mail addresses for notification of facsimile delivery. For instance, a URL address, "~~www.faxme.com~~," <www.faxme.com>, stored as a registered address 222, may be associated with an e-mail address, "~~recip002@fdc.com~~," <recip002@fdc.com>, stored as recipient contact information 224 in database 150.

Please replace paragraph number [0040] with the following:

[0040] To make a facsimile available to John, Jane, and Mark, the company sends the facsimile to the facsimile distribution center 130 using their associated registered address 222, in this case 999-999-9900. The facsimile distribution center 130 detects the incoming facsimile and receives the transmission. The facsimile distribution center 130 identifies the registered number 222 as 999-999-9900 and queries a database 150 for the intended recipient contact information 224. The numbers 111-111-1100, 111-111-1101, and 111-111-1102 are returned to the facsimile distribution center 130. In addition, the recipient names associated with the recipient contact information 224 are also returned. The facsimile distribution center 130 then stores the facsimile, in computer readable format, on storage media 160. Storage media 160 is associated with an Internet home page having a URL address of "~~http://www.fdc.com.~~" <http://www.fdc.com>. The facsimile is stored in a directory associated with the URL address "~~http://www.fdc.com/companyX/facsimile.~~" <http://www.fdc.com/companyX/facsimile>.

Please replace paragraph number [0041] with the following:

[0041] The facsimile distribution center 130 then prepares separate facsimiles for notifying each of the intended recipients of the stored facsimile. The recipients name may be identified on the respective facsimiles along with a message indicating that they may view and/or download a facsimile stored at the URL address "~~http://www.fdc.com/companyX/facsimile.~~" <http://www.fdc.com/companyX/facsimile>. Facsimiles are then sent by the facsimile distribution center 130 to the intended recipients using the numbers from the recipient contact information 224. Once confirmation of successful transmission is complete, the facsimile distribution center 130 sends a confirmation facsimile back to the originating facsimile machine at the company.

Please replace paragraph number [0043] with the following:

[0043] Another embodiment of the present invention is very similar to the facsimile distribution system 100 previously described. In this embodiment, a facsimile informing the recipient of the existence of a facsimile at a specific URL address is not used. Instead, an e-mail

informs the intended recipients of the presence of a facsimile at a designated URL address. The facsimile distribution center determines an e-mail address associated with the intended recipients from the recipient contact information 224 stored in database 150. For example, the e-mail address "~~recip001@fdc.com~~" <recip001@fdc.com> associated with registered address 222, 999-999-9901, in FIG. 2, may be used as recipient contact information 224. Using the recipient e-mail address, the facsimile distribution center composes an e-mail message for each recipient indicating that they may view and/or download their facsimile from the designated URL address at which the facsimile distribution center has saved the facsimile. Thus, an intended recipient is informed of the presence of a facsimile addressed to them.

Please replace paragraph number [0045] with the following:

[0045] This embodiment of the present invention may be more readily understood with reference to an example. A facsimile machine 110 sends a facsimile to the URL address "~~www.faxme.com~~" <www.faxme.com> associated with a facsimile distribution center 130. The facsimile distribution center 130 receives the facsimile and accesses a database 150 to determine the intended recipient or recipients of the facsimile from the recipient contact information 224 stored in database 150. As illustrated in FIG. 2, the recipient contact information 224 indicates that the registered address 222 "~~www.faxme.com~~" <www.faxme.com> is associated with a recipient having an e-mail address "~~recip002@fdc.com~~" <recip002@fdc.com>. The facsimile distribution center 130 is able to determine that the intended recipient of the facsimile is an e-mail address, thus, an informative e-mail may be prepared to notify the intended recipient of the facsimile.

Please replace paragraph number [0046] with the following:

[0046] The facsimile distribution center 130 stores the received facsimile at a specified URL address on storage media 160, for example, at the URL address "~~http://www.fdc001.com/facsimile001~~" <http://www.fdc001.com/facsimile001>. An e-mail identifying the URL address may be prepared by the facsimile distribution center 130 for delivery to the e-mail address of the intended recipient. In this embodiment of the present invention, an e-

mail is prepared that includes scripts, or other programming code, for enabling the recipient Internet enabled device 118 to locate the stored facsimile. The prepared e-mail will, of course, include the URL address of the stored facsimile, in this case ~~"http://www.fdc001.com/facsimile001".~~ <http://www.fdc001.com/facsimile001>. Once prepared, the e-mail is sent to the intended device.

Please replace paragraph number [0047] with the following:

[0047] An Internet enabled device 118, such as an embedded web server printer or a web browser enabled printer, receiving an e-mail from the facsimile distribution center 130 with the included scripting, or other programming codes, may strip the URL address of the stored facsimile from the e-mail. The programming codes may also instruct the Internet enabled device 118 to retrieve the facsimile. When instructed to do so, the Internet enabled device 118 connects to the Internet 900 and seeks out the storage location of the facsimile, ~~"http://www.fdc001.com/facsimile001".~~ <http://www.fdc001.com/facsimile001>. Once found, the Internet enabled device 118 preferably downloads the facsimile to a memory of the Internet enabled device 118 for printing. Alternatively, the Internet enabled device 118 may download and directly print the stored facsimile. In this manner, a facsimile received and stored by a facsimile distribution center 130 may be automatically retrieved by an Internet enabled device 118, such as an embedded web server printer or a web browser enabled printer.